

Public Safety Committee  
Legislative Office Building  
Hartford Connecticut  
February 18, 2010

Members of the Public Safety Committee:

I would like to comment on **HB 5158 AN ACT CONCERNING THE REGULATION OF FIREARMS**. I would encourage the committee to oppose this legislation, or at a minimum--strike certain sections: specifically sections 7, 10 and 11.

This bill appears to be a compilation of items aimed at different firearm related issues. While parts of the bill are laudable--such as lowering blood alcohol limits while carrying firearms, other sections of the bill are attacking law abiding gun owners.

The provisions of sections 7, 10 and 11 would do nothing to prevent or solve firearm related crimes, and in fact I am puzzled by some of this legislation. I see no advantage being gained by reducing the timeframe that pistol transfer receipts are put in the mail from the current 48 hours, to 24 hours. I do see what problems it could cause to law abiding gun owners who may have an unexpected reason that they cannot mail the transfer form within 24 hours.

Further, what appears to be a minor technical change in section ten, in reality is a large change legally. This would establish registration of long guns and appears to eliminate private sales. This will not protect the public, and I urge you to strongly oppose this section. It should be noted that Canada is currently seeking legislation to overturn its gun registry, as it proved to be inadequate, expensive and ineffective.

This bill as written would cause unnecessary hardship to me, and will do nothing to stop gun violence.

I appreciate your consideration of my concerns.

Sincerely  
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